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ONE CENT

## AFTER KILLING AGED MINER NEGRO ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Webster Miner is Brutally  
Murdered by Huge,  
Unknown Negro

JACOB HANNAN DIES AT HOME  
AT COAL CENTER SUNDAY NIGHT

Was Life Long Resident of Coal Centre—Father of Charleroi Men—Funeral Wednesday Afternoon.

## WIFE IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Robbery Thought to Have Been  
Incentive For Killing—State and  
Town Police Scour the Valley in  
Search.

What was perhaps the most brutal  
murder in years in the Monongahela  
locality, occurred between 4 and 5  
o'clock Sunday morning near the  
Henderson Coal company's workings  
not far from Webster. As a re-  
sult of the cold-blooded attack of  
an unidentified negro, Joseph Smith,  
aged about 58 years, a miner em-  
ployed at the Equitable mine of the  
Henderson Coal company is dead and  
his wife Katherine Smith is lying  
in a coma. His wife Katherine Smith is lying  
at the point of death at the Char-  
leroi-Monessen hospital. The negro es-  
caped after his double crime and no  
knowledge is had of his whereabouts.  
State and town police are scouring  
the valley and the surrounding coun-  
try in search of him.

Early Sunday morning Smith  
was awakened by the noise of some  
one trying to enter the door of his  
home. He got up and opened the  
door to find the negro there. He  
asked the newcomer what he wanted  
and the negro for answer struck him  
on the head—with a club—telling him  
he wanted everything he had. The  
negro then beat Smith over the head  
until he was unconscious.

Mrs. Smith then heard the noise  
and came to the door to find her hus-  
band lying as if dead. The negro  
had vanished and while the woman  
was trying to get her husband into  
the house, the negro returned and  
asked her what was the matter. He  
said he would help her lift her hus-  
band but when she stooped over  
Smith's prostrate form the negro  
struck her on the head with his club  
and told her that he would shoot  
her. He then seized a gun which was  
lying near and shot the husband,  
the bullet striking Smith in the left  
side of the neck.

The murderer then turned his  
attention to the woman but she threw  
an ax at him and averted the fatal  
shot. The negro then seized her and  
beat her until she fell to the ground.  
Believing her dead, the assassin  
fled. After some time Mrs. Smith re-  
covered consciousness and called for  
help. Neighbors came and the woman  
and her husband were taken to  
the Charleroi-Monessen hospital  
where Smith died at 1 o'clock Sunday  
afternoon.

The motive of the deed is believed  
to have been robbery. Shortly be-  
fore the tragedy a miner named Gyp  
Boyd was held up by a negro near  
the Smith home and relieved of \$35.  
It is thought that the same negro  
figured in both crimes. He is said  
to be a man about five feet, seven  
inches in height and weighing about  
180 pounds. He was clad in a brown  
suit.

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A post-mortem examination held  
Sunday afternoon showed that Smith  
came to his death as a result of hem-  
orrhages caused by the lodging of a  
.38-calibre bullet in the left side of  
the neck near the spine. Inquest will  
be conducted by Deputy Coroner  
Lawrence B. Frye Wednesday even-  
ing at 7:30.



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S. A. Walton, Vice Pres.

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## EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

The Charleroi Choral Society Arranges Musical Program  
for the Benefit of Belgian Sufferers—Participants Known in Musical Circles

The following excellent program has been arranged for the concert to be given tomorrow evening at the High School auditorium by the Charleroi Choral Society for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund:

Part song, "Ding-a-ling," Ford Charleroi Choral Society; tenor solo, Miss Ethel Barth; reading, "Pink Carnations," Aron; Miss Mary M. Chester; Part song, "Sleep, Gentle Lady," Bishop, Charleroi Choral Society; reading, "Where Ignorance is Bliss," Fielding; Miss Mary M. Chester; violin solo, (a) "Concerto No. 6" in A, DeBerior; Monsieur Felicien Felot; Choral Ballad, "The Miller's Meditation From 'Thais,'" Massenet; (b) Minuet, Mehul; Miss Norma Boston; part song, "Come Where My

## CHILDREN'S DAY IS AN AFFAIR OF MANY ATTRACTIOMS AND PLEASURES AT CHURCHES

Programs Practically in Hands of Children During  
The Services of the Evening—First Presbyterian  
And Christian Churches Observe

The Children's Day exercises held last evening at the First Presbyterian church were among the most successful of a similar nature ever given by the pupils of that Sunday school.

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## AUTOMOBILIST INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN TIRE THROWS

### BEALLSVILLE GIRL WEDS

### GRADUATE OF PRINCETON

Martindale-Thomas Nuptials Take  
Place at Home of Bride at Beall-  
ville—Friends Present.

Robert C. Peterson is Kill-  
ed When Thrown Tire  
Causes Wreck

Car Crashes Into Stone Foundation  
While Making Dangerous Curve  
Near Coal Valley—Mother, Sister  
And Six Brothers Survive.

Robert C. Peterson, aged 28 of  
Bunola was instantly killed when  
the automobile in which he was  
driving crashed into the stone founda-  
tion on the Pennsylvania Railroad  
bridge trestle near Coal Valley, Sun-  
day evening at 11:30 o'clock.

Peterson together with his brother  
George F. Peterson a shoe merchant  
of Monongahela and John Cochran a clerk  
in the Alexander bank of Monongahela was returning  
from Wilkinsburg where they had been  
spending the day with another brother John E. Peterson. Thinking  
the road by way of Coal Valley a shorter route they had taken it. Young Peterson who was driving a Ford runabout was about a hundred yards in the lead and traveling at a speed of about 25 miles an hour. The other two were riding in a Hupmobile. While making a dangerous curve known as the S curve near the Pennsylvania railroad bridge the car in which Peterson was riding threw a tire, the machine left the road and crashed into the concrete foundation of the bridge.

Dr. A. A. Peterson another brother of Elizabeth was called but before he could reach the scene of the accident the man had died, his skull being fractured. Young Peterson was a well and favorably known young man. He held a responsible position with the Burrough's Adding Machine Company and had recently been appointed district agent of Washington, Greene and Fayette counties and would have taken charge of this work next week.

Besides his mother Mrs. E. A. Peterson of Bunola he is survived by one sister, Miss Ida B. Peterson at home and six brothers, J. E. Peterson of Wilkinsburg, Dr. C. D. Peterson of Connellsburg, Dr. A. A. Peterson of Elizabeth, Dr. A. A. Peterson of Portland, Oregon, George F. Peterson of Monongahela and L. H. Peterson of Monaca.

Mrs. Harry Barnhart has returned from Cleveland, Ohio, after a four weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

FINAL REHEARSAL FOR RELIEF CONCERT TO BE HELD TONIGHT

This evening at the high school auditorium the final rehearsal for the concert to be given Tuesday evening in behalf of the Belgian Relief work will be held. The rehearsal is an important one as the seats will be given at this meeting. All members of the society are being urged to attend.

Miss Margaret Laird and sister of Williamsport have gone to San Francisco, where they will attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

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